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DATE: March 27, 2008
TO: Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual CDAC)
ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
RE: Exclusion from Participation in Federal Health Care Programs

**** Reminder for all Medicaid providers ****

There are federal rules and enforcement provisions related to providers who are excluded from participating in the Medicaid program. These rules and the penalties associated with employing excluded individuals are described in the Office of Inspector General document: *Special Advisory Bulletin: The Effect of Exclusion From Participation in Federal Health Care Programs*. This document is available from OIG at:
<http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/docs/alertsandbulletins/effectuated.htm>.

This memorandum serves as a reminder to all Iowa Medicaid providers of these rules and that all Medicaid providers must be in full compliance.

Providers and contracting entities are required to check the program exclusion status of individuals and entities prior to entering into employment or contractual relationships. An excluded individual or an entity employing or contracting with an excluded individual that submits a claim for reimbursement to a Federal health care program, or causes such a claim to be submitted, may be subject to a civil money penalties and other damages for each item or service furnished during the period that the person or entity was excluded (section 1128A(a)(1)(D) of the Social Security Act).

Please review the guidance at the website above carefully to ensure your provider entity is in full compliance. The penalty of non-compliance is also described in the bulletin.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of the Iowa Medicaid members and protect the integrity of the Iowa Medicaid program. If you have any questions please contact IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909, locally (in Des Moines) at 725-1004 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.